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A prayer for today

*Lord, make me strong and supportive when I need to be,
flexible and accommodating when I should be,
and give me the wisdom to know the difference. Amen*

(Rev Tom Gordon)

When I was training for ministry, I had an opportunity to visit a lady who grew up on the island of Islay. I must confess Islay is one of the many islands I have yet to visit. The only thing I know about Islay is the church in Bowmore - The Round Church.

It was in this church this lady grew up. On her fireplace she had a little ornament of the church with its round roof. As you can imagine knowing that I had never been she took time to describe the church and spoke fondly of her time spent there. The only downside in her eyes was the pillar that held up the round roof. It's an impressive central pillar, however if you are sitting behind the pillar, you can't see and you also cannot get out until others beside you have moved.

The Rev Tom Gordon in one of his blogs speaks about Pillars: *The Pillar of the Kirk*: Someone who is solid and dependable, without whom, it seems, the Church couldn't function. The ancient Greeks would often use pillars in human form, such as in temple buildings like the Acropolis.

When you think about it *Pillars*, whether it be for churches or mausoleums do matter. They provide strength and support; however, they can also be in the wrong place and have a detrimental effect as they are static and immovable when actually what is required is purpose, style and character.

Churches across the land are held up by architectural pillars as well as by the people who are pillars of the kirk. The question is what type of pillars do we need in these changing times?

In the months ahead as we put together the new Presbytery Plan, we *will* have to make difficult decisions with regards to all churches as well as embracing an opportunity to focus on a new direction as the Church of Scotland moves forward.

The challenge for all of us is to discern what type of pillar we are going to be; in what direction you want this church to move. Are we therefore willing to put our trust in God and find new ways of working with the Churches of Scotland in our own local area? Willing to work together with the congregations as we journey in faith, listening, supporting and encouraging each other or are we going to remain firm in what has always been - fixed in our own ideas.

So, in the words of Rev Tom Gordon always remember that the "Pillar of the Kirk" is a good metaphor but only if that solid pillar in the middle of a church isn't *always* getting in the way.

Blessings to you

Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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direct to the editors or

by e-mail to

magazine@uddingston.org

or on paper

Church Roll Intimations

Baptisms



Sunday 9th January 2022

Charlotte Mary MacLeod Muir

Daughter of James & Morag (nee Fox)

Deaths

At this sad time our prayers and condolences are with the families of

Mrs Morag Peters

Date of Death: 4th December 2021

and

Mrs Sheena Stoddart

Date of Death: 15th January 2022

and

Mrs Helen Carlton

Date of Death: 17th January 2022

Membership Changes

We welcome

Mrs Carolyn Rooney and her daughter Amy
to our congregation

Change of Address

Mrs Beatrice Cossar
is now resident in a Care Home

Parish Funerals

At this sad time our prayers and condolences are with the families of

Mr James Gordon Wright

Date of Death: 12th December 2021

and

Mrs Margaret Pickering

Date of Death: 28th December 2021

The Guild

The meetings are fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons

from 2pm - 3.30pm

February 1st & 15th

March 1st, 15th & 29th

All are welcome.

Please come along and join us on any of these dates

Stay connected with the
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and

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Door Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am
Front Door teams for the next month:

February

6th	Team 6	Colin Pettigrew
13th	Team 7	Ken Storrier
20th	Team 8	Joe Ford
27th	Team 1	Margaret Abercrombie

March 6th Team 2 Mary Fox

If you are in one of the above teams, please bear in mind that you should try to arrange for a substitute if you can't make it.

Monday Club

The Monday Club returns on 31st January
2pm - 3.30pm
Any queries contact Mary on 07742888623

Programme

February

7th Christen McMurdie entertains

14th George Rodger entertains

21st Film

28th Singalong from 1900's

March

7th Who? What? Where?

14th Christen McMurdie entertains

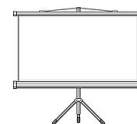
21st Film

28th Singalong

April

4th Team Quiz

11th Easter Songs of Praise



You will require a mask, unless exempt.
Entrance will be through the large hall doorway with the ramp.

Bake Sale

The sum raised for Poppy Scotland, following the bake sale in November, was £555 .

A huge thank you to all who purchased the goodies and especially to the amazing bakers who helped raise this fantastic total.

Calling All Knitters

The Pastoral Care team are looking for help to knit some chickens for Easter, we would like to be able to give them out as gifts to members in care homes and the house bound. If you can help, even with only the knitting and sewing up the pattern is below

Chicken Pattern

Size 4mm Needles Knit all stitches

1. Cast on 24 and knit 1 row
2. Increase 1 stitch at beginning of next 12 rows, to 36 stitches
3. Cast off 12 stitches at the beginning of next 2 rows, to 12 stitches
4. Knit 8 rows. Cast off
5. Sew head and back
6. Stuff head but leave base closed to allow cream egg to fit in
7. Tie ribbon around neck
8. Add felt eyes and beak

GIFT SERVICE

Thank you all for such a great response to our Christmas appeal this year. Your generosity allowed us to make 20 hampers for single people, 20 double hampers and still give the food bank supplies for more Christmas meals. You also gave over £500 for the food bank to use as they see fit.



Every year I worry and hope with equal measure that you will respond and, allowing for all the difficulties we have come through, you fulfilled my dreams.

As was said at the gift service we wish we did not need food banks but the food bank needs us to keep its shelves ready for those in need.

Grace McKirdy

UDDINGSTON OLD PARISH COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Café is open on Fridays

from 12noon until 2pm in the large hall.

We will be adhering to current Government and Church of Scotland guidelines to ensure everyone's safety.

All appropriate measures will be in place.

We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are able to volunteer,
please contact Liz on 07432729508.



Traidcraft

2021 was a challenging year for Traidcraft as the stall was unable to trade at Church events and after service teas. Thanks to the Guild, Pastoral Care team and Community Café who promote fairtrade by using our tea, coffee and sugar and regular and loyal supporters trading continued and a boost at Christmas made for a very encouraging year. As a result the sum of £200 was donated to Traidcraft exchange from the proceeds to support its work with small producers throughout the world .

Huge thanks to everyone who has made this possible.

Mima

FLOWER FUND



Last year after the sanctuary reopened flowers were back in church and after the service gifted to members. My very grateful thanks to those who dismantled the arrangements and delivered these gifts.

An equally big thank you to those who made donations to the fund.

I could not do this without you.

For the year ahead I hope that you will be able to help by continuing to donate and/or deliver or by being a new donor/deliverer.

Thank you in advance now for your help in the year ahead.

Grace McKirdy

Uddingston Pride

After being unable to have our annual Christmas Fayre in December 2020, we were pleased to be able to re-instate this event in December 2021, just prior to Omicron having a negative impact on what we were all allowed to do again! Our Christmas Fayre was one of the most successful ever! We were very fortunate with the weather, there were more stalls than ever, there were lots of excellent Tombola and Raffle prizes, Santa put in an appearance, the bands and dancers were excellent and there were many willing helpers. Additionally, we think that the attendance was increased due to so many local people just being so pleased to get out to mingle and meet others, after having been cooped up for so long. Thanks again to the congregation of the Old Parish for the use of tables and to those individuals who gave their time in support of their local community group.

Unsurprisingly, we have taken a collective breath over the festive period. However our new litter picking team (Uddingston Litterpickers) have been out either individually or in groups collecting litter and general rubbish. We have recently had a meeting with South Lanarkshire Council's representative responsible for litter initiatives and we look forward to working with the Council on this subject in future. If anyone would like to help the team, details can be found via the Uddingston Pride Facebook page.

Another new team that has recently been formed is the "UP Graffiti Fighters"! As most people know, graffiti can be a significant issue; however it has been demonstrated that if continual action is taken to minimize graffiti (and indeed litter as well) then it is less likely that it will recur. We would usually work with the Council's local managers to arrange for the graffiti to be removed; however sometimes it is not on their land and so we have recently removed graffiti ourselves from a wall near the Grammar School and from various street lighting boxes.

January can be a little depressing but as we look forward to the days becoming longer and plants starting to come out of "hibernation", we have already started to organize the flowers and shrubs for the various displays around the village, including the Railway Station, the Gateway, and along the Main Street. Keep an eye out; already there are Snowdrops starting to appear!

At the Old Parish Church, it was good to see the Christmas tree outside the front door of the sanctuary, a cheering sight for us all as we entered for the services. And look out for the pansies in the planters at the Church and Hall entrances - these sturdy little plants are just now coming into bloom and hopefully will provide some welcome colour until the Summer bedding plants arrive.

Sandy Robertson



Smiling Is Infectious

Smiling is infectious
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
then I realised its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick
and get the world infected!

Spike Milligan



We live in little minutes,
Time comes not in a mass,
So keep a smile, it's well worthwhile,
Whatever comes to pass



Sunday School

Now that the days are getting longer and it has been so mild, are we going to miss out on Winter altogether this year? Time will tell and rather than looking forward this month I thought we could look back first.

If you were not able to be in church for the Christmas Gift Service you would not have been able to see the childrens' Nativity. The children taking part ranged from babes in arms and toddlers to Primary school children each playing their parts with great aplomb and narrated beautifully by young Thea and Lucy.

For the first time the action could be seen on the screens because of the new AV system, the traditional journey up one aisle, across the back of the church and down to Bethlehem was gladly retained. Many thanks to all who scripted the play and dressed the children, it was so good to see them in church after such a long time.

The Sunday School started back on 16th January with a fun day and I visited them on 23rd January. Mima arranges hospitality subject to Church of Scotland guidance and ensures track and trace and other COVID procedures are adhered to throughout the session. The families meet on the chancel at 10am when the children love to tell Fiona their news. When it is time for the Story the children quieten down and pay close attention as Fiona produces the Godly Play mat and figures. This week it was the story of Noah's Ark. After the story they wandered about Noah and the animals then they prayed. Janice and Elaine, with guitar, taught the children to sing 'Mr Noah Built an Ark' which the children loved, especially clapping their hands at the Splish! Splash!

The Primary school children moved to the Godly Play room and their craft was making pipe cleaner animals with Jill and Hazel while talking and thinking about the story. I then went through to the large hall where the Pram and Praise families with younger children were having fun making an ark and craft stick animals with Janice and Elaine. Time for more singing this time with instruments. The whole session was very well organised with all ages having a great time.

Personally and on behalf of the Kirk Session I'd like to thank all of the above for guiding the children as they embark on their faith journey with varied activities and maybe visits to the garden.

Liz, Sunday School Representative Elder

In The Good or Bad Old Days!!

My Parents Taught Me

My parents taught me about **A JOB WELL DONE**
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside.. I just finished cleaning."

My Parents taught me **RELIGION**
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My Parents taught me about **TIME TRAVEL**
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My Parents taught me **LOGIC**
" Because I said so, that's why."

My Parents taught me **MORE LOGIC**
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My Parents taught me **FORESIGHT**
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My Parents taught me **IRONY**
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about"

More Things My Parents Taught Me

My Parents taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS**
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My Parents taught me about **CONTORTIONIST**
"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My Parents taught me about **STAMINA**
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My Parents taught me about **WEATHER**
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My Parents taught me about **HYPOCRISY**
"If I told you once, I've told you a million times Don't exaggerate!"

My Parents taught me about **BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION**
"Stop acting like your father!"